

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for delivering goods comprising:
2 transporting the goods to a specified location;
3 upon delivery, acquiring, from a positioning service, a physical location of
4 the goods; and
5 recording the physical location to verify that the goods have in fact been
6 delivered to the specified location.

- 1 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the act of recording comprises
2 posting the physical location to a tracking service.

- 1 3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
2 generating a ticket containing information relating to the goods;
3 upon delivery reading the ticket; and
4 associating the recorded physical location of the goods with the ticket's
5 information.

- 1 4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising upon delivery,
2 identifying and recording a universal time to provide a delivery time reference
3 having worldwide significance.

- 1 5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
2 generating a ticket containing information relating to the goods;
3 upon delivery reading the ticket; and
4 associating the recorded universal time with the ticket's information.

- 1 6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising comparing the recorded
2 location with the specified location and issuing an alert indicating discrepancies.

1 7. A method for delivering goods comprising:
2 transporting the goods to a specified location;
3 upon delivery, identifying a universal time; and
4 recording the universal time to provide a delivery time reference having
5 worldwide significance.

1 8. The method of Claim 7, further comprising:
2 generating a ticket containing information relating to the goods;
3 upon delivery, reading the ticket; and
4 associating the recorded universal time with the ticket's information.

1 9. A computer program product for verifying proper delivery of goods
2 to a specified location, the product comprising a computer useable medium
3 having machine readable instructions thereon for:
4 reading a ticket associated with the goods, the ticket having information
5 representing delivery data for the goods;
6 acquiring from a positioning service a physical location of the goods; and
7 recording the physical location to verify that the goods have in fact been
8 delivered to the specified location.

1 10. The product of Claim 9, wherein the instructions for recording
2 include instructions for posting the physical location to a tracking service.

1 11. The product of Claim 9, wherein the instructions for recording
2 comprising instructions for associating the recorded physical location with the
3 delivery data.

1 12. The product of Claim 9, comprising further instructions for
2 comparing the recorded physical location with the specified location and issuing
3 an alert indicating discrepancies.

1 13. The product of Claim 12, comprising further instructions for
2 identifying a universal time after the ticket is read and recording the universal
3 time.

1 14. The product of Claim 13, wherein the instructions for recording the
2 universal time comprise further instructions for instructions for associating the
3 recorded universal time with the delivery data.

1 15. A computer program product for verifying proper delivery of goods,
2 the product comprising a computer useable medium having machine readable
3 instructions thereon for:

4 reading a ticket associated with the goods, the ticket having information
5 representing delivery data for the goods;
6 identifying a universal time; and
7 recording the universal time to provide a delivery time reference having
8 worldwide significance.

1 16. The product of Claim 15, wherein the instructions for recording the
2 universal time comprising instruction for associating the recorded universal time
3 with the delivery data.

1 17. A system for verifying delivery of goods to a specified address
2 comprising:
3 a ticket delivered with the goods, the ticket containing information
4 relating to the goods;
5 a reader operable to read the ticket upon delivery of the goods; and
6 a locator in communication with the reader, the locator operable to
7 acquire from a positioning service a physical location of the goods as the reader
8 reads the ticket.

1 18. The system of Claim 17, further comprising a recorder in electronic
2 communication with the reader and the position locator, the recorder operable to
3 generate a delivery record associating data representing the physical location of
4 the goods with the information read from the ticket.

1 19. The system of Claim 18, further comprising a log, the recorder
2 being further operable to store one or more delivery records in the log.

1 20. The system of Claim 17, wherein at least some of the information
2 contained in the ticket represents the specified location, the system further
3 comprising a comparator in communication with the reader and the position
4 locator, the comparator operable to compare the physical location with the
5 specified location and to issue an alert indicating discrepancies.

1 21. The system of Claim 17, further comprising a time service in
2 communication with the reader, the time service operable to identify a universal
3 time as the reader reads the ticket.

1 22. The system of Claim 21, further comprising a recorder in electronic
2 communication with the reader and the time serviced, the recorder operable to
3 generate a delivery record associating data representing the universal time with
4 the information read from the ticket.

1 23. The system of Claim 22, further comprising a log, the recorder
2 being further operable to store one or more delivery records in the log.

1 24. The system of Claim 22 further comprising a tracking service, the
2 recorder being further operable to post one or more delivery records to the
3 tracking service.

1 25. A system for verifying delivery of goods to a specified address
2 comprising:
3 a ticket delivered with the goods, the ticket containing information goods
4 data; and
5 a reader operable to read the ticket upon delivery of the goods;
6 a position locator in communication with the reader operable to acquire
7 from a positioning service a physical location of the goods as the reader reads
8 the ticket;
9 a time service in communication with the reader, the time service
10 operable to identify a universal time as the reader reads the ticket; and
11 a recorder in communication with the reader, position locator and time
12 service, the recorder operable to generate a delivery record associating data
13 representing the physical location of the goods and the universal time with
14 information read from the ticket.

1 26. The system of Claim 25, wherein at least some of the information
2 contained in the ticket represents the specified location, the system further
3 comprising a comparator in communication with the reader and the position
4 locator, the comparator operable to compare the physical location with the
5 specified location and to issue an alert indicating discrepancies.